

BY REPRESENTATIVE BALDONE

20 WHEREAS, in addition to the GSCI states, the RCTA provides training to law
21 enforcement agencies throughout the United States, including the National Guardsmen

1 involved in counterdrug support missions, which has been provided at no cost to the law
2 enforcement officers or agencies; and

3 WHEREAS, with guidance and resources provided by the Office of the Secretary of
4 Defense (OSD) Coordinator for Drug Enforcement Policy and Support, and the National
5 Guard Bureau (NGB), the Mississippi National Guard accepted the mission of establishing
6 a regional training center; and

7 WHEREAS, the RCTA training philosophy emphasizes hands-on training and
8 demands a secure field training facility; and

9 WHEREAS, since the first class began in September 1992, thousands of officers
10 have graduated in over forty-three different subjects at the RCTA; and

11 WHEREAS, the target audience is state, county or parish, and municipal uniformed
12 officers and conventional narcotics investigators; and

13 WHEREAS, the RCTA has been offering unparalleled training for over fifteen years
14 to law enforcement agencies all over the Gulf states region; and

15 WHEREAS, the RCTA has offered approximately sixty different counterdrug
16 courses as well as approximately ten counter terrorism courses at no cost to the law
17 enforcement agency; and

18 WHEREAS, the RCTA has been an extremely valuable asset to the law enforcement
19 community of the entire Gulf states region; and

20 WHEREAS, the budget used to fund RCTA has not been approved, causing all
21 upcoming classes to be canceled.

22 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
23 memorialize the Congress of the United States to restore funding for the Regional
24 Counterdrug Training Academy located in Meridian, Mississippi.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
26 presiding officers of the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Congress of the
27 United States of America and each member of the Louisiana congressional delegation.

DIGEST

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Memorializes congress to provide proper funding for the Regional Counterdrug Training Academy to continue offering law enforcement training programs to law enforcement agencies in the southern coastal region.